

THE YELLOW WASP

Lima Historical Society

September 2018

**LHS Meeting
Tuesday September 18, 2018
7 PM**

*Respectable Radicals:
Christian Socialism in Early Twentieth Century Upstate New York*

By Dr. Michael Eula

The Lima Historical Society will present an intriguing talk about a little known religious movement that thrived in our region about a century ago. Dr. Michael Eula, Genesee County Historian, will discuss the highly controversial “Christian Socialist” movement as it manifested itself in upstate New York between the end of the nineteenth century and the early twentieth centuries. He will examine a number of positions held with great fervor by Christian Socialists on theological, economic, and political issues, thus precipitating a split in the Christian community that led to such events as a heresy trial in Batavia in the spring of 1906. He will also discuss the implications of the movement for American life today.

The meeting will be held at 7 pm at the Lima Court House, 7321 East Main St. on Tuesday, September 18th. It is free and open to the public.

LHS AUTUMN WINE AND CHEESE TASTING!!

Once again, the Lima Historical Society is hosting its popular fall Wine and Cheese Tasting. Please plan on joining us for this event on Saturday, October 6th. Enjoy a sampling of fine cheeses and a selection of wines, along with the camaraderie of fellow LHS members, friends and guests. The winning ticket in the quilt raffle will be drawn at this event.

Watch your snail and email for full details and reservation form to come. Hope that you can join us for this semi-annual social event.



QUILT RAFFLE To Benefit Tennie Burton Museum Collections Storage

Tickets are now available for a chance to win this beautiful handmade quilt donated by Sandy Shusda. The quilt is queen-sized and is presently on display in the Tom and Kathie Reynolds storefront on East Main Street. Tickets are available through LHS members and at local businesses. The drawing will take place at the Fall Wine and Cheese Tasting.

LHS Calendar of Events

PLEASE CLIP AND SAVE

Thursday, August 23rd	LHS Board Meeting: 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum. All LHS members welcome.
Tuesday September 18 th	LHS General Meeting : <i>Respectable Radicals: Christian Socialism in Early Twentieth Century Upstate New York</i> by Dr. Michael Eula. Lima Court House 7 PM.
Thursday September 20 th	LHS Board Meeting: 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum. All LHS members welcome.
Saturday, October 6th	Wine and Cheese Tasting. Watch for details and reservation forms in mail. Everyone welcome.
Thursday November 15th	LHS Board Meeting: 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum. All LHS members welcome.
Sunday, November 18th	LHS General Meeting, <i>Livingston County's Veterans</i> by Amie Alden Court House 3 PM.
Saturday, December 1st	Soup and Sandwich/Holiday Sale at the Tennie Burton Museum.

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1930's Bathroom to Become New Storage Room at the Tennie Burton Museum

Faced with the growing challenge of finding safe, accessible storage for our large collections of all types of historical materials, particularly our 19th century clothing, the LHS Board decided to remove the old fixtures in the second floor bathroom to make room for more efficient shelving. Easier said than done!

Contacted by the Gotcsiks, **ReHouse Architectural Salvage** staff came out, surveyed the job, disconnected the heavy and unwieldy bathtub and sink, and slid them carefully down the stairs and out the front door. They even paid us \$150 for the privilege. Duane Fuller plans to build shelving in the refurbished room this fall. Anyone interested in helping with the renovations, please call Duane.

Reorganizing Tennie Burton Museum Collections

A dedicated group of volunteers (Judien Cooper, Carol Edwards, Gail Fuller, Fran Gotcsik, Karen Hanson, Mary Ellen Little, Barbara May, Kathie Reynolds, Martha Sempowski, and Mary Jule Welch), have made great strides this year in **identifying, cataloging where necessary, and reboxing our museum collections** of 19th century clothing, hats and parasols in preparation for the new storage areas to be completed on the second floor of the museum. Mary Jule has been working on identifying the individuals in our extensive collections of 19th and 20th century photos.

Can you help us identify the child in the photo at right?



LIMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MISSION STATEMENT

Lima Historical Society was founded to collect and preserve Lima's history, its architectural structures, and its culture to educate and inspire people today and tomorrow.

The Lima Recorder (1869-1989)
A Three Generation Van Gelder Family Enterprise

“The Lima Recorder,” Lima’s long-time weekly newspaper was first established in 1869 when Elmer Houser began publication. Over subsequent years, a number of Lima publishers: Houser and Dennis, Dennis and Dennis, and Dennis and Deal took over the publication. In 1875, A. Tiffany Norton, a prolific publisher of local history who eventually became one of the editors of Rochester’s Democrat & Chronicle, purchased the paper and edited it until 1881.

That year, 1881, Phineas C. Van Gelder purchased the paper and it remained under the management of the Van Gelder family for three generations. In 1989, it merged with the *Honeoye Falls Weekly Times*, the *Honeoye Lake Courier*; and the *Livonia Gazette* to form the *Town & Country Gazette*. Is anyone able to identify the location or the individuals below?

Sometime after the Lima paper closed, the Recorder’s huge printing press was donated to the Lima Historical Society by Violet (Shorty) Birch, proprietor of the Birch Print Shop who had purchased the equipment from the Van Gelders. Sadly, storage in the museum’s garage opened the way for unexpected rodent activity, and we were forced to abandon the press to iron salvage. Recently, Marilyn Zaludny has donated the publisher’s type set cabinet acquired from Mrs. Birch to the Lima Historical Society; John Bailey has generously offered to repair and restore it for exhibit in the museum.



We are anxious to fill the gaps in our *Lima Recorder* collections. Please contact us if you have old issues.

Special Holiday Event at the Museum
Soup and Sandwiches / Book & Gift Sale at the Museum Mercantile

We are rolling out a festive new holiday event this year. On Saturday, December 1st (11:00 to 1:00 PM) at the Tennie Burton Museum, we will be serving homemade soup and sandwiches. Come and have a bite, do some early holiday shopping for small gifts and historic books at our old fashioned country store in the museum and help support the Lima Historical Society at the same time. Gather a group of friends and family to join you. Everyone is welcome.

Special member discount in the Country Store. We have a newly refreshed array of books, handmade scarves, ornaments, doilies, notecards, candles, and toys that make great stocking stuffers. Celebrate the season with us.

Sincere Condolences

To the Family and Friends of
LHS Lifetime Members Brant Braeges and Jane Plavcan

And to our President Matt Lenahan for the Loss of His Mother Kathy Lenahan

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